



Elevating health.  
Enhancing lives.

Parkview Health Foundation

Impact Report 2023

# Dear Friends of the Foundation,

With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting the delivery of healthcare, the Foundation saw an opportunity to change right alongside it — creating a refreshed identity to improve efficiency and efficacy amongst Parkview’s entire service area. By bringing together seven separate foundations into one singular entity, the Parkview Health Foundation is now better positioned to generate philanthropic support for Parkview Health to continue providing excellent care.



This new identity, which includes an updated name, pledge, purpose and more, keeps support at the local level by allowing donors to give to a hospital that impacted their lives, but also ensures additional giving opportunities can exist at a regional level that all Parkview Hospitals and Institutes can access.

And, with the new Foundation incorporated as a Public Charity, we’re better able to meet the needs of future healthcare delivery. By partnering with like-minded organizations, we can focus on discovering and implementing innovative new ways to care for our entire community and beyond.

Thanks to these changes, the Parkview Health Foundation is able to make a bigger impact than ever before — ensuring our community has access to the best care possible now and well into the future. We’re excited to share this new identity with you.

With gratitude,

**Denise Andorfer**  
Director, Parkview Health Foundation



Our pledge

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**Elevating health. Enhancing lives.**

Our purpose

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Generating philanthropic support through partnerships with community members and organizations that support Parkview Health as it continues to move healthcare forward for our entire region and beyond.



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# Made With Love

Honoring hospice patients with hand-sewn keepsakes.

Twelve years ago, hospice volunteer Judy Choker was donating her talents through the Busy Needles Sewing Group. When another member of the group came across a request for donated stuffed bears, Judy spoke up. "I said, 'I may be able to get women to do that.'"

The 15 people she recruited from her sewing group to make the bears created an assembly line in which every person played a part in cutting, sewing and stuffing the keepsakes. The bears were initially used to honor veterans, but a few years into the program, a nurse suggested making legacy bears to honor hospice patients, which is exactly what they did.

With funding from the Foundation's Hospice Fund, pouches and recorders were purchased allowing patients' voices to be recorded and placed into bears as a way to memorialize their voice for their loved ones for years to come.

Over a decade later, members from the sewing group continue to gift the stuffed animals, which bring the recipients so much joy. In 2023 alone, they sewed and gave away roughly 600 bears. "It's wonderful to see the patients' faces when you give them the bear," Judy said. "It's a labor of love for all of us."

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Judy Choker  
Busy Needles Sewing Group







# Reach Out and Read

Ensuring every child goes home from a well-child visit with a brand new, developmentally appropriate book.

That's the goal of the Reach Out and Read program, which every pediatrician at Parkview's Carew Street office participates in.

But the book isn't just a handout; it's an introduction for the physician and caregiver to discuss the importance of bonding with children through early literacy and the tremendous impact it has on a developing brain. Because the first five

years of life are critical for brain development, having positive literacy experiences during that time makes a lasting impact.

The program encourages reading as a way to engage with children to stimulate curiosity, visual and auditory skills and, in the end, literacy achievement.

Our donors are making it possible to expand this program to three different counties in the Fall of 2024.

**“My patients love that our office is part of the Reach Out and Read program. The kids' eyes light up when they see that I have a book to share with them as I enter the exam room. Their visible excitement over a children's book thrills me as a provider as well, knowing the lifelong benefits of early exposure to books. Thank you so much for the support of my patients.”**

Ryan Grimm, MD  
PPG — Pediatrics

**“I can't tell you how proud I am when I walk into a room and see a parent reading to their child with a new book. I can definitely say this cuts down on parents (and children!) looking at their phones!”**

Tony GiaQuinta, MD  
PPG — Pediatrics



# Supporting Pediatric Rehabilitation Patients



Many parents of Parkview's pediatric rehabilitation population do not have the resources to purchase daily living items, let alone the necessary tools for home exercises and therapy. Although items like specialized bottles that reduce colic are helpful tools for many families, not everyone can afford them. And many times, pediatric patients arrive for appointments without proper winter clothing — sometimes without shoes or hats in severe weather.

Thanks to generous donations to the Parkview Health Foundation, co-workers at Parkview Noble Hospital Pediatric Rehabilitation are able to provide basic and specialized therapeutic items to patients including bottles, pacifiers, oral-motor exercise tools, coats, shoes, hats, abdominal binders, sensory strategy tools and more.

**These gifts help alleviate some of the financial burden on families and ensure our pediatric patients' needs are being met.**



Parkview Methodist School of Nursing class of 1973

## A Legacy of Nursing

Established in 1926 and ending in 1991, the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing stands as a beacon of support and inspiration for aspiring nurses through its Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Since its inception, the association has been deeply rooted in the fabric of Parkview's nursing legacy.

A testament to its dedication, the Parkview School of Nursing Alumni Association played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Parkview Methodist School of Nursing scholarships. Serving as the bedrock of support, it nurtured the growth of countless nurses until the formation of the official Parkview Foundation in 1972.

Every member of the Parkview School of Nursing is a testament to the enduring legacy of excellence and compassion instilled by the institution. As

alumni, they carry forward the torch of knowledge and compassion, embodying the years of rigorous training and education undergone to serve at Parkview hospitals.

The tradition of celebrating this rich legacy began with the inaugural alumni banquet in 1926, a tradition that continues to this day. As we look forward to the centennial celebration in 2026, we reflect on a century of remarkable dedication and service exemplified by the outstanding nurses who continue to care for patients at Parkview hospitals.

Through the partnership of the Parkview Health Foundation and the Methodist School of Nursing, we have been able to provide close to \$50,000 in nursing scholarships — helping ensure the legacy of nursing excellence continues.



# Honoring a Legacy at Parkview Wabash Hospital

## Commemorating Terry and Carol Agness with an expanded walking trail.



The Terry D. and Carol A. Agness Family Foundation has graciously donated to the Parkview Health Foundation to expand the walking path at Parkview Wabash Hospital. Lifelong residents of Wabash, Terry and Carol Agness were extremely active in their community, with Terry serving on the Parkview Health System Board of Directors in the 1990s. Terry and Carol's son, Lance Agness, has been on the Parkview Health Foundation Wabash Council since 2017, serving as the chair since 2020.

When the idea of expanding the walking path was discussed at a council meeting in 2023, Lance knew it would be the perfect way to honor his parents. Terry Agness was the CEO of Ford Meter Box and chairman of the board. He served the company for over 36 years. As a Purdue engineering graduate, Terry led Ford Meter Box to the largest acquisition in the company's history, the purchase of the Uni-Flange Company in 1994. As a child, Lance and his sister, Lana, knew their father was busy volunteering his time on community boards. At that time, Terry's children could not understand the magnitude in which their father served, using his keen business skills to grow Ford Meter Box and strengthen local nonprofit organizations.

Terry spent decades serving the Kiwanis Club, the Honeywell Foundation, Falls Cemetery and the Parkview Health Board. Carol Agness also served as a volunteer for the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, and Wabash Meals on Wheels. What transpired in the day-to-day life of Terry and Carol was a deep commitment to their community and supporting missions through philanthropy.

Lance and Lana describe their parents as natural leaders who would step in when needed in any organization. While their father had a leadership position at work, he felt a responsibility to lead through service, especially within Wabash. This included the Honeywell Center, Lions Club, Boy Scouts and even cutting wood for a widow at church. In big or small ways, wherever he could, he would help.

Carol Agness served in classrooms at school, planned meals for her children's teams, volunteered with Meals on Wheels in Wabash and at the hospital, served in various capacities at church and cooked countless meals for guests. Terry and Carol loved hosting and serving various missionaries and pastors who came through their local church. "They wanted to be God's hands and feet to them, and have our home be a place of

refreshment," the siblings shared. "They gave their time, talent and treasure throughout their lives and were a great example to us."

To carry on their parents' vision for philanthropy, Lance and Lana are dedicated to supporting organizations their parents supported in their lifetime, as well as others they feel their parents would have supported. As a result, about half the money the Terry D. and Carol A. Agness Family Foundation has distributed has been within the Wabash community. Other priorities are ministry related, including churches, camps, missionaries and universities that are Christian in mission. The family's foundation prioritizes local projects that make the community a better place to live and work; the Parkview Wabash Hospital walking path is a great example of that.

Lana and Lance also noted that their mom Carol had a love for walking outdoors. She and her friends would walk regularly together and talk, cry or pray. "She would love knowing she has a small part in others being able to do the same," Lana noted, adding that there are patients who are post-surgery that utilize the path as well, and her dad would have appreciated the path after his two heart surgeries.

The walking path will be expanded around a retaining pond next to the current walking path. In total, the path will now be a complete mile. On the inside brim of the pond, native grasses and wildflowers will be planted, which should attract many birds, butterflies and other native creatures to the Wabash campus. The walking path and pavilion are a welcome addition to the Parkview Wabash Hospital campus. They are used consistently by patients, Parkview co-workers and community members. No matter the weather, the trail is used frequently, as it is accessible by sidewalks to and from the north side of the city. It also connects via sidewalk to the Charley Creek Trail, a three-quarter-mile paved path that extends from OJ Neighbours Elementary School to Wabash's Field of Dreams.

**We want area residents to know they can make the hospital campus a part of their wellness routine. It's not just for imaging, testing and doctor visits, but also for physical and social activity.**

Debra Potempa  
South Market President,  
Parkview Health



**The expansion of the trail will further the mission of creating a healthier future for Wabash County and encourage people to get outside, enjoy the addition of wildflowers and native grasses and continue to provide a safe, accessible place to walk. All in honor of Terry and Carol Agness.**





“Parkview Pups is such a morale booster and the absolute highlight of my day!”

# Parkview Pups Comfort Co-workers



Funded in partnership with the Parkview Health Foundation, Parkview Pups aims to promote the mental and emotional well-being of Parkview Health co-workers by providing support and comfort through highly trained, certified therapy dog/handler teams.

A visit with a friendly, nonjudgmental therapy dog can brighten someone’s day, improve their mood and put a smile on their face. Provided by Parkview co-workers for Parkview co-workers, this exciting new program allows the therapy

dogs and their handlers to visit throughout the health system and bring relief to team members during stressful workdays.

Our Parkview Pups are excited to help co-workers break away, laugh and relax for even a small part of their day. The program’s trained canine companions are all temperament tested and certified through Canine Good Citizen (CGC) and Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) to ensure a positive and safe experience for all.

## From our co-workers

“We were visited by Samuel the other day. What a beauty he was and so gentle. I can’t tell you how much it means to me to be able to interact with a pup during the day. I have two dogs at home that greet me at the end of the day and make me forget that it was a lousy day! The pup visits are wonderful and make the rest of my day go by with a smile.”

Martha  
Oncology Administration,  
Packnett Family Cancer Institute

“We had Pickles come visit our office. It was especially refreshing this time of year when stress levels are elevated by everyone everywhere. These pups are a very welcome sight. Pickles’ exuberance was loved by the entire staff. It is very difficult to remain in a sour mood when your furry friends visit. Our office always appreciates the visits! Thank you for the work you do.”

Brandy  
PPG – Urogynecology

“I work as a front desk receptionist checking people in for imaging tests. Some days I check in over 200 people. It is such a happy moment to just be able to stop and love on the dogs and have that moment to just breathe and dote on this creature that needs nothing from you other than love.”

Melissa  
Parkview Huntington Hospital

“In the ER, some days are better than others. Today was one of those rough days until Clarke came around the corner. This made our entire day and gave us a few minutes of smiles and laughter which was much needed! Thank you for bringing your fur friends to help make our days better!”

Emmerson  
Emergency Medicine,  
Parkview Regional Medical Center



## 2023 By the Numbers

# \$2,454,299\*

raised in support of Parkview Foundations

\*Excludes \$5 million of funding from Parkview Health System, Inc. to Parkview Health Foundation, Inc.



## Uniting donors in the pursuit of greater health



**2,461**  
total donors



**200+**  
unique funds supported

### Elevating the health of the community



**\$2,058,122**

in grants distributed by Parkview Foundations



**\$90,250**  
invested in the future of healthcare through scholarships



**60**  
training and education conferences funded for Parkview co-workers to deliver advanced patient care



**53**  
scholarships funded



**\$318,027.89**

distributed for patient assistance in the form of medication assistance, car seats, ER clothing, gas cards, hotel stays, taxi/Uber rides, wigs, patient massages, pill boxes, mammograms and more

### Enhancing lives throughout the region





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